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SUBJ: GOC CLARIFICATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATHS AMCITS

TERUGGI AND HORMAN

REF: SANTIAGO 5594

1. SUMMARY. RAUL SAEZ WILL RAISE WITH JUNTA THE NEED FOR THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THESE CASES AND PROMPT REPORT TO US. END SUMMARY.

2. I MET RAUL SAEZ AT A LUNCHEON TODAY. IN THE COURSE OF OUR CONVERSATION HE LAMENTED THE BAD CHILEAN PUBLIC IMAGE IN THE U.S. AND THE INEVITABLE EFFECT THIS WOULD HAVE ON CONGRESSIONAL OPINION AND USG ABILITY TO BE HELPFUL TO CHILE.

3. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO DWELL AT SOME LENGTH ON THE UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF THE GOC INVESTIGATION OF THE DEATHS OF THESE TWO AMERICAN CITIZENS AND THE IMPORTANT DEGREE TO WHICH THESE TWO CASES ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS HIM. I SAID IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE THE GOC FURNISH US A SUBSTANTIVE REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION. I NOTED THAT ANY REPORT WHICH APPEARS TO BE MERELY PRO FORMA WILL ONLY COMPOUND THE PROBLEM WE ALREADY HAVE.

4. SAEZ SAID HE AGREED COMPLETELY. HE REGRETTED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNFAMILIAR WITH THESE CASES BUT TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF THE NAMES AND OTHER DETAILS. HE SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS
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PROBLEM WITH THE JUNTA IMMEDIATELY.

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